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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC - ITEM 21G - ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES

1. COORDINATING COMMITTEE CONTINUES STRUGGLE WITH PRIORITIES ITEM WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY IN COMMITTEE AS WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE, SPECIAL WORKING GROUP OF 11, DRAFTING GROUP OF 5, AND NOW BACK AGAIN IN WORKING GROUP AS A WHOLE WITH FOLLOWING TEXT AS CONFERENCE ROOM DOCUMENT:

"1. RECALLING THE OBJECTIVES OF CHAPTER IX OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER,

"2. RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3043 (XXVII) AND 3199 (XXVIII) ON THE FORMULATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROGRAMMES AND BUDGETS, IN WHICH THE COUNCIL WAS REQUESTED TO INDICATE CLEARLY THE ORDER OF PRIORITIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS TO BE REFLECTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN HIS MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1976-1979 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1976-1977,

JZ3. RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3201 (S-VI) CONTAINING THE DECLARATION ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) EMBODYING THE
PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,

"4. RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF WORLD-WIDE CO-
OPERATION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE
PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

"5. BELIEVING THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS SHOULD TAKE
FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME
OF ACTION /AS ADOPTED/ WHICH COMPLEMENTS AND STRENGTHENS
THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES EMBODIED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND THAT A REDEPLOYMENT OF RE-
SOURCES MAY BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THOSE ENDS.

"6. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT SOME PROGRAMMES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS ITSELF ARE FINANCED FROM EXTRA-
BUDGETARY SOURCES AND THAT IN SEVERAL PRIORITY SECTORS
THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION
LIES ELSEWHERE WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IN
PARTICULAR WITH ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES,

"7. REITERATING ITS CONCERN THAT THERE SHOULD BE
A UNIFIED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT,

"8. NOTING THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN
DOCUMENT E/AC.51/74 AND COOR. 1 AND 2,

"9. CONSIDERING THAT THERE IS A MEASURE OF
COMPLEMENTARITY BETWEEN THE THEMATIC AND THE INCRE-
MENTAL APPROACH TO PRIORITIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL
AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS,

"1. STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING AN
EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF PRIORITIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL
AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS;

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"2. INVIGES THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IN PREPARING
THE DRAFT PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 1976-1977 AND THE MEDIUM-
TERM PLAN FOR 1976-1979, TO TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE
VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL;

"3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN PREPARING
HIS DRAFT PROGRAMME BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN, TO

REVIEW CAREFULLY THE ACTIVITIES BEING UNDERTAKEN UNDER EACH PROGRAMME IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL, TO DEPLOY RESOURCES, ALLOCATED TO THESE AREAS, WHERE APPROPRIATE, TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION, INCLUDING THE ATTAINMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DESIRABILITY OF ENSURING A MEANINGFUL ELEMENT OF REAL GROWTH IN PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY RESPONSIVE TO THOSE MAJOR OBJECTIVES;

"4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN PRESENTING THIS BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN, TO INDICATE CONCISELY NOT ONLY THE PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR EACH ELEMENT, BUT ALSO BEARING IN MIND THE ELEMENT OF COMPLEMENTARITY REFERRED TO IN THE NINTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH, THE EXTENT TO WHICH EACH ELEMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJOR OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY WHERE ADDITIONS TO ONGOING WORK ARE INVOLVED; BEGIN BRACKET STRICTLY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF RESOURCES APPROPRIATED WITHIN THE BUDGET. END BRACKET

"5. RECOGNIZES THAT THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE RESOURCES SO AS TO MAKE AVAILABLE A RELATIVELY GREATER SHARE FOR ACTIVITIES OF HIGH PRIORITY, MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN AN ORDERLY FASHION IF IT IS NOT TO CAUSE UNDUE DISLOCATION; AND THAT THE SECRETARIAT HAVE CERTAIN STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS;

"6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN PRESENTING HIS NEXT BUDGET AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN TO REPORT HOW

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IN PRACTICE HE HAS INTERPRETED THE GUIDANCE AFFORDED BY THE PRESENT RESOLUTION;

"7. DECIDES TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE DECISIONS REACHED BY THE COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE RESULTS OF THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE AND THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE DURING ITS EXAMINATION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 1976-1977 AND PROPOSED MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1976-1979."

2. COMMENT: COMMITTEE IS HUNG UP ON THE WORDING OF PREAMBULAR PARA 5 AND OPERATIONAL PARA 3. THE EC-9 UNWILLING TO ACCEPT PREAMBULAR 5 WITHOUT THE WORDS "AS ADOPTED" WHICH APPEAR IN BRACKETS AND WHICH ARE THUS FAR UNACCEPTABLE TO THE G-77. MOREOVER, IT HAS BEEN

SUGGESTED THAT THE WORDS "THE PROGRAM OF ACTION" IN OPERATIONAL PARA 3 MIGHT BE REMOVED AS UNNECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF PREAMBULAR PARA 5.

3. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HAS TAKEN THE LINE THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THESE TWO CONTENTIOUS PARAGRAPHS IS USELESS UNTIL THE COUCNIL'S OVERALL ATTITUDE ON THE PLAN OF ACTION AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER HAS BEEN CLARIFIED, PROBABLY IN CONNECTIION WITH THE DISCUSSION IN THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6.

4. IT IS OUR CONTENTION TO SET FORTH US POSITION ON THESE ISSUES IN A POLICY STATEMENT IN THE PLENARY AND TO GO ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS ON 21G IN THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE WITH RESERVATIONS REFERRING TO OUR GENERAL PPLICY STATEMENT IN PLENARY. END COMMENT. ABRAMS

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